Reservation of areas for Manganese and other Minerals.

Q.—2770. Sri U. S. NAYAK (Udipi).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the policy of the Government in the reservation of areas for Manganese and other minerals;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the department had recommended to the Government to reserve the areas which are prospected by private parties?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) A copy of the order containing the policy of the State Government in regard to the grant of mineral concessions and reservation of areas for State exploitation is placed on the table of the House. (Placed in Legislature Library No. 19/L. A. 1958).

(*b*) This is not a fact so far as it has been possible to verify with the Department.

Sri U. S. NAYAK.—A copy of the Government Order has been placed on the Table of the House and we have also been supplied with a copy of the same. Item 7 (2) of the report says "unless it is considered unsuitable for State exploitation" will the Government publish the isolated nature considered unsuitable for State exploitation?

*Sri C. M. POONACHA.—This relates to neutral areas between leased out and isolated patches considered unsuitable. So there are small isolated patches or areas which are neutral lying in between leased out areas. Such of those areas as conform to Mineral Concession Rules will be considered for being leased out to applicants.

Sri U. S. NAYAK.—My question is: will those sites be published for the information of the public?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—It is for the parties to go and select such areas and put in their applications. We have reiterated the procedure and the policy of the Government in respect of leasing areas containing minerals.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is it the opinion of the Government that areas which have never before been exploited by Government on account of their unprofitableness are to be utilised by private traders? The Government Order reads like that, Sir.

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—No Sir. If Government were to take it up, it would have to be on a large scale and not on a small scale in which the areas are situated. While it might be profitable for private exploitation, it will not be profitable for Government to take up such small areas. If the land is in isolated patches, Government would not be interested to take it up. Therefore it would welcome private interests to come in and to put in their applications.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—If, between two areas given over already, there are small isolated plots, a third party comes in. Will the Government consider the question of giving it to either of these two people who are already there and, not to a third party?

*Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Actually, in these cases it is not as if the third party alone should get the neutral areas. The adjoining holders also can put in applications and according to priority, these applications will be examined and finally disposed of.

Sri U. S. NAYAK.—Has the survey been made as mentioned in item No. 4?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—We have constituted four divisions. One is Belgaum Division; another is Dharwar Division; the third is Gulbarga Bellary Division and the rest of the old Mysore area is put as one Division. In Bellary an officer is already there. In the other places we are posting officers. With the requisite staff we will undertake the survey. One thing I would like to inform the House is that so far as the Geological Department is concerned, it is only old Mysore area staff that is available; for the other areas we did not get their counterpart in those areas. With the staff that we have for the old Mysore area we will have to undertake this survey work in the whole State. Therefore, it places a certain amount of handicap on the department to take up immediately

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additional work. However, recruitment will be undertaken and we have to reorganise the whole department and we will have to strengthen the staff to the extent required.

Sri U. S. NAYAK.—When will it be completed?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—In some cases suitable staff will have to be employed to undertake this special kind of work.

Unauthorised construction in Survey Nos. 353 and 146 in Pavagada Kasaba Village.

Q.—2817. Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether S. Nos. 353 and 146 of Pavagada Kasaba village are situated within the limits of Pavagada Municipality;

(*b*) the owners of the said survey numbers;

(*c*) whether the said survey numbers have been alienated for non-agricultural purposes;

(*d*) if not, whether it is a fact that the owners of the said survey numbers have put up buildings therein;

(*e*) whether the authorities of the Revenue Department have taken any action against them for unauthorised construction of buildings on the agricultural land;

(*f*) whether the Municipality has taken action under section 112 of the Town Municipalities Act for unauthorised construction within the municipal limits?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Survey Number 353 is within the municipal limits; Survey Number 146 is outside the municipal limits.

(*b*) S. No. 353—Sri M. Nagarathna Setty. S. No—146 Sri G. S. Darmapal.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes, two thatched huts in first, and one room and verandah in the second.

(*e*) In respect of S. No. 353 under T. T. Action in respect of S. No. 146 is under consideration.

(*f*) No.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—You say that Survey No. 353 is within the municipal limits of Pavagada municipality and in answer to (e) you say that action in respect of S. No. 146 is under consideration. Is there a provision in the Land Revenue Code or rules to put up T. T. for lands which are within the municipal limits?

*Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—Yes, if they are not alienated, if they are still revenue lands, they can be put up.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Since when have they put up these buildings?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—The date is not available.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is it not a fact that Sri M. Nagarathna Setty is the Vice-President of the Municipality?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—I do not know.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—He is the Vice-President of the municipality. Are the Government aware that Sri G. S. Dharmapal is the son of the President Sri Shankar Setty?

Mr. SPEAKER.—How does it arise?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಈ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಕರ್ಮಷರ್ನ್ ಫೈನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚೆನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ ಅನ್ ಅಥರೈಸ್ಡ್ ಕನ್ಸ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಷನ್ ಆಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is it not a fact that Survey No. 146 belongs to the President of the municipality?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—It belongs to Sri Dharmapal.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is it registered in his name?

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—That is what is stated.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—I want definite information.

Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH.—It cannot be more definite than this.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—You have stated in answer to (*e*): "In respect